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522.009PA**Remarks**

Claims 1 to 12 and 14 to 17, as amended or newly presented, remain in this application and are submitted for reconsideration. The claims as now asserted are believed to distinguish over the art of record.

The specification has been corrected as required. No new matter is inserted. Claims 1 and 4 have been corrected to avoid any indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The term "camera *carrier* control means" in Claim 14 finds adequate antecedent basis in its parent Claim 1, at line 14 of original Claim 1 and at line 14 of currently amended Claim 1.

Claim 13 was not rejected but was only objected to and was indicated to be allowable if placed into independent form incorporating the limitations of its base claim (Claim 13 had depended only from Claim 1). Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 13, so that currently amended Claim 1 has the scope of original Claim 13. The amendment also cancels the recitation that the housing is environmentally sealed, which limitation remains in new Claim 16. However, considering the Examiner's comments concerning the Wertz reference as it relates to Claim 1, it is clear that the Examiner did not regard that feature as essential to patentability of Claim 13.

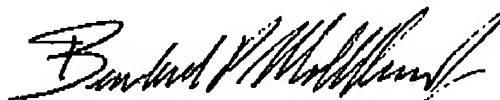
Claim 17 has been added to recite the feature that the height of the illuminator above the table, i.e., above the support plate, is adjustable. This feature finds support at page 5, lines 7 to 8 of the specification, and is not shown or suggested in the references.

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All of dependent Claims 2 to 12 and 14 to 17 depend from currently-amended Claim 1, and should be allowable together with their parent claim.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is urged that all of Claims 1 to 12 and 14 to 17 are in condition for allowance, and early and favorable consideration is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted



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